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## Iowa Milk Production

**Iowa:** Milk production in Iowa in April 2011 totaled 372 million pounds, up less than 1 percent from April 2010. The average number of milk cows at 209,000 head, was down 3,000 head from April 2010. Production per cow averaged 1,780 pounds, up 2 percent from April 2010.

**United States:** Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 15.5 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from April 2010. March revised production at 15.8 billion pounds, was up 2.4 percent from March 2010. The March revision represented a decrease of 6 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,834 pounds for April, 9 pounds above April 2010.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.43 million head, 97,000 head more than April 2010, and 8,000 head more March 2011.

## Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, April 2010 and 2011

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	Change from 2010
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Arizona .....	171	187	2,145	2,125	367	397	8.2
California .....	1,755	1,769	1,955	1,990	3,431	3,520	2.6
Colorado .....	117	126	1,975	1,975	231	249	7.8
Florida .....	114	118	1,770	1,750	202	207	2.5
Idaho .....	557	576	1,850	1,870	1,030	1,077	4.6
Illinois .....	101	98	1,670	1,680	169	165	-2.4
Indiana .....	169	171	1,745	1,740	295	298	1.0
Iowa .....	<b>212</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Kansas .....	116	121	1,805	1,785	209	216	3.3
Michigan .....	357	362	1,970	1,955	703	708	0.7
Minnesota .....	470	471	1,650	1,615	776	761	-1.9
Missouri .....	101	94	1,325	1,360	134	128	-4.5
New Mexico .....	323	326	2,090	2,125	675	693	2.7
New York .....	610	610	1,755	1,770	1,071	1,080	0.8
Ohio .....	272	268	1,680	1,620	457	434	-5.0
Oregon .....	115	119	1,730	1,720	199	205	3.0
Pennsylvania .....	541	543	1,710	1,690	925	918	-0.8
Texas .....	410	426	1,855	1,915	761	816	7.2
Utah .....	84	87	1,780	1,740	150	151	0.7
Vermont .....	137	135	1,565	1,600	214	216	0.9
Virginia .....	95	96	1,590	1,595	151	153	1.3
Washington .....	249	256	1,975	1,980	492	507	3.0
Wisconsin .....	1,261	1,266	1,745	1,735	2,200	2,197	-0.1
23-State Total <sup>3</sup> .....	8,337	8,434	1,825	1,834	15,213	15,468	1.7

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves. <sup>3</sup> As of February 2009, the 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.